

Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner
Steve Jensen, Editor



Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Nov. 17, 2015



The opening of the Coventry Winter Farmers' market Sunday drew a crowd of growers, vendors and customers.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKETS OPENING ACROSS CONNECTICUT

Winter farmers' markets are opening across the state this month, giving growers and consumers a chance to extend the season, indoors.

In Coventry, a newly-reorganized market launched at the town high school Sunday drew about 40 growers and vendors and a steady stream of customers.

"This is a huge plus for farmers and for those who want fresh, local produce and products," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said during a ribbon-cutting ceremony that featured music from the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums.

The opening also was attended by a number of area elected officials, including State Senators Mae Flexer and Tony Guglielmo, State Representatives Tim Ackert and Greg Haddad, and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, who represents the 2nd Congressional District covering most of eastern Connecticut.

Courtney noted that winter markets – now numbering 16 across the state – can help maintain the state's robust 22-percent growth in new farms documented in a USDA census last year.

"It's a lot of hard work to put this together," Courtney said. "But this is one of the ways that we will continue to grow and keep that momentum going."

The indoor market is not affiliated with the very popular summer market now run by the town at the Nathan Hale Homestead, but is designed to help bridge the seasonal gap. Winter market master Aline Hoffman said she and other volunteer

organizers enlisted vendors and established the winter market in just a matter of weeks.

"I was very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm and excitement of our vendors and guests on our first day," she said. "It was just wonderful."

Hoffman and her husband Bill run the Never A Dull Moment tool-sharpening service and have been vendors at the summer market for several years.

Offerings from growers and vendors at the certified Connecticut Grown market included produce, meats, cheeses, maple syrup, candles and soaps, locally produced jams and jellies and bakery items.

Donna and Jack Yurgel were selling Shiitake mushrooms picked that morning at their home-based New England Green Mushrooms in Tolland.

They also have been selling at the Coventry summer market for many years, and are pleased that the indoor market will give them the opportunity to stretch their business into the colder months.

"Growing mushrooms isn't as easy as it looks," Jack said, holding a cake-sized growing "log" made of sawdust, wheat bran and oat bran. "We're up at 4:30 every morning picking mushrooms to be sold fresh that day. But being here at this market – this is fun."

See Page 3 for a complete listing of Connecticut winter farmers' markets.

LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	76.00	80.00
boners 80-85% lean	75.00	79.50
lean 88-90% lean	70.00	76.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	122.00	129.00
Ch2-3	118.00	129.00
Sel2-3	117.00	124.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	113.50	125.00
Ch2-3	105.00	117.00
Sel2-3	95.00	114.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	122.00	128.00
Ch 2-3	118.00	124.00
Sel 2-3	114.00	119.00
CALVES Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	297.00	297.00
No 1 102-118 lbs	317.00	322.00
No 1 94-100 lbs	290.00	300.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Markets: Choice 2-3

50-60 lbs	230.00	250.00
60-70 lbs	217.00	230.00
70-80 lbs	190.00	217.00
80-90 lbs	185.00	216.00
90-110 lbs	177.00	200.00
110-130 lbs	165.00	192.00
130-150 lbs	150.00	178.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3

120-160 lbs	77.00	108.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	88.00

BUCKS

160-200 lbs	125.00	142.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	92.00

SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.

50-60 lbs	175.00	187.00
60-80 lbs	210.00	225.00

SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel1, by head, est.

80-130 lbs	200.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	242.00

SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1

100-150 lbs	270.00	275.00
-------------	--------	--------

SLAUGHTER WETHERS: sel 1, by head

100-150 lbs	285.00	300.00
-------------	--------	--------

NEW HOLLAND, PA., HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	250-350 lbs	46.00	51.00
48-52	250-350 lbs	38.00	43.00
Sows 1-3	300-500 lbs	29.00	34.00
	500-550 lbs	40.00	52.00
Boars	500-550 lbs	5.00	5.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
APPLES, CORTLAND, 100 #1, BU	19.00	19.00
APPLES, CORTLAND, USFCY, BU	16.00	16.00
APPLES, CRTLND, LOOSE, BU	14.00	15.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, 120/140, #1, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, FUJI, FCY, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, GALA, FCY, BU	16.00	16.00
APPLES, GLDN DEL, NG, BU	15.00	18.00
APPLES, HNYCRSP, FCY 64, 80, 88	30.00	30.00
APPLES, HONYCRSP, NG, BU	20.00	35.00
APPLES, MACS, FNCY, 12-3LB	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MAC, NG, BU	14.00	15.00
APPLES, MAC, 120, US1, CELL PK	17.00	18.00
APPLES, MAC, 140, US1, CELL PK	17.00	18.00
APPLES, MACOUN, NG, BU	18.00	20.00
APPLES, MUTSU, FCY, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, SPENSER, NG, BU	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	18.00	18.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	20.00	22.00
CORN, STRAWBERRY, 20-3	28.00	30.00
CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ	28.00	34.00
GOURDS, 1/2 BU	28.00	32.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 20 LBS	18.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 18-1 LB	18.00	22.00
POTATO, WHT, #1, CHEF, 50 LB	9.00	10.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, #1, 10-5LB	12.00	12.00
POTATO, RNDRED, SZ A, 50 LBS	10.00	11.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZ A, 50LB	14.00	14.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LBS	14.00	15.00
PUMPKINS, PIE, 1-1/9	11.00	15.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 36" BIN	190.00	230.00
RUTABAGAS, 50 LBS	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, LB	.90	.90
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1-1/9	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1/2 BU	9.00	10.00
STRAW BALES, STANDARD	7.50	8.00
TOMATO, GHSE, CHERRY, 5LB	12.00	14.00
TOMATO, GHSE, LOOSE, 25LB	18.00	20.00
TOMATO, GHSE, ONVINE, 11LB	14.50	15.00
TOMATO, HEIRLM, GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	28.00
TURNIPS, PURPLE TOPS, 25LBS	13.00	17.00
TURNIPS, WHITE CAPE, 1-1/9	17.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

BEETS, CANADA, 25 LBS	5.00	7.00
CABBAGE, NY, 50 LBS	10.00	12.00
CAULIFLWR, CA, GRN, PRPL, 12	26.00	30.00
GRAPES, REDGLOBE, CA, 19 LBS	22.00	26.00
KALE, NJ, 12	12.00	14.00
MUSHROOM, ENOKI, PA, 12-3.5OZ	18.00	19.00
MUSHROOM, OYSTER, PA, 5 LBS	18.00	20.00
MUSHROOM, WHITE, PA, 12-8OZ	12.00	12.00
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, PA, 3LB	14.00	15.00
MUSTARD GRNS, GA 12-16	13.00	15.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LBS	13.00	17.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, November 16, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	55.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	145.00	200.00
76-90 lbs.	225.00	230.00
91-105 lbs.	235.00	240.00
106 lbs. & up	245.00	250.00
Farm Calves	255.00	270.00
Starter Calves	45.00	50.00
Veal Calves	80.00	200.00
Open Heifers	95.00	190.00
Beef Heifers	90.00	104.00
Feeder Steers	125.00	175.00
Beef Steers	85.00	126.00
Stock Bulls	72.50	107.50
Beef Bulls	80.00	90.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.02
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	50.00	80.00
Sheep	200.00	220.00
Lambs	180.00	240.00
Goats each	70.00	275.00
Kid Goats	5@	55.00
Canners	up to	73.00
Cutters	74.00	77.00
Utility Grade Cows	78.00	81.00
Rabbits each	5.00	30.00
Chickens each	4.00	22.50
Ducks each	5.00	17.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	2.00	2.15
LARGE	1.94	2.08
MEDIUM	1.61	1.74

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.48	2.65
LARGE	2.46	2.58
MEDIUM	1.77	1.87
SMALL	1.03	1.13

USDA RETAIL STORE TURKEY PRICES

Fresh Hens	.99	2.29
Fresh Toms	.99	2.29
Frozen Hens	.37	1.99
Frozen Toms	.37	1.99
Whole, boneless	4.99	4.99
Ground Turkey		
85 % lean	2.53	3.33
93% lean	3.00	3.99
Breast	4.61	6.16

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

8-R. CT non-GMO grain and corn. Hay and straw. Pleasant View Farms. Louis. 860-803-0675.

101-R. Christmas Greens: Quality wreaths and roping. Many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

107-R. Polled Herefords bred back. \$1,000.00 each. John Deere Factory 3pt Hitch. Fits 2 cyls. \$800.00. Call 860-537-8890.

125-R. 20 ton tag along Custom trailer. Purchased new in 2000. Original owner/operator. Excellent condition. \$8,900.00. Lebanon. 860-642-4292.

126-R. Stafford. Priced reduced! Upscale gentleman's farm on 3+ acres. Features a 2BR, 2 bath home in move-in condition. Large barn with a/c, office, full bath and 2 car garage. Also, cabin with screened in porch. \$269,900.00. Call Clint Charter, Wallace & Tetreault Realty, 860-558-3908.

128-R. For Sale: Branford 2+ acres land, barns and 3 bedroom farmhouse. Previously farmed by 3 generations of the same family. Had operated a fruit/vegetable stand. Nut trees on property include black walnut, filbert (hazelnuts), heart nuts. Large barn with hayloft & stand above with room for heavy equipment/truck and chicken barn/stall below. Smaller barn/shed for pullets. Previous animals include chickens, turkeys, horse, goat. Zoned for small animals or 2 large. Situated on a tidal marsh with natural beauty. Close to town and commuter rail, photos available upon request. Contact: Stephanie F. Dorman at 203-488-1641, Ext. 205.

129-R. 1-Owner Complete Dispersal Auction for Lyndale Stand LLC & Lyndale Farm (Owners Retiring) on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 9:30AM. Location: 1207 Boston Turnpike (Rte 44), Bolton, CT 06043. Inventory of Ag Tractors & Implements, Barn & Dairy Equipment, Greenhouses, Produce Stand, Coolers & Fixtures, Shop Tools & More! Call Petrowsky Auctioneers at 860-642-4200 for more details.

130-R. 115-R. John Deere 2305, 4WD utility tractor. Many attachments: bucket, backhoe, front and rear plows, 3pth, weight box, landscape rake, snow blower. Mint condition. \$19,500.00 or Best Offer. Call 203-988-6815.

WANTED

127-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

CHECK OUT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE'S CONNECTICUT GROWN STORE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our online store is gearing up for the holidays with a fresh look. Shop online at www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com.

Like our Facebook page for updates on new items and special pricing available at www.Facebook.com/CTGrownStore.

2015-2016 Holiday & Winter Farmers' Markets**Old State House Christmas Farmers' Market**

December 8, 9, 10, 11am - 3pm

Old State House, 800 Main Street, Hartford

South Windsor Farmers' Market

October 31 through December 19

Saturdays; 10am - 1pm

St. Margaret Mary Church - Church Hall, 80 Hayes Road

Goshen Farmers Market

November 15 - December 20

Sundays, 1 - 4pm

St. Thomas Church, 71 North Street

Litchfield Hills Farmers' Market

October 24 - June 11

Saturdays, 10am--1pm

Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road

New Milford Farmers' Market

December 5, 19, January 2, 16, 30, February 13, 27

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

The Maxx, 94 Railroad Street

East Haddam Farmers' Market

November 22, 11 am - 2 pm

East Haddam Grange Hall

Higganum Farmers' Market

November 22, Noon - 3pm

Haddam Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road

City Seed - New Haven Farmers' Market

November 7 - December 19. (Closed Thanksgiving weekend)

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Wooster Square-Russo Park - Corner of Chapel/DePalma

City Seed - New Haven Farmers' Market

January 16 - March 26

Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

Metropolitan Business Academy, 115 Water Street

CitySeed - New Haven Farmers' Market

November 8 - December 20. (Closed Thanksgiving weekend)

Sundays, 10am - 1pm

Edgewood Park - Corner of Whalley/West Rock Avenue

Bozrah Farmers' Market

November 21, 9am - 1pm

Maples Farm Homestead, 45 Bozrah Street

Colchester Holiday Farmers' Market

November 21, 11 am - 3 pm

Colchester, St. Andrew's Church

Stonington Farmers' Market

November 7 - May 21

Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

Velvet Mill, 22 Bayview Avenue

Andover Farmers' Market

January 16, 30, February 13, 27

Saturdays, 9am - Noon

17 School Road, Community Room

Coventry Farmers' Market

November 15 - March 27. (No market on March 20)

Sundays, 11am - 2pm

Coventry High School Cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Road

Ellington Farmers' Market

Nov 21, Dec 5 & 19, Jan 9 & 23, Feb 6 & 20, March 5 & 19

Saturdays, 10am - Noon

YMCA, 11 Pinney Street



Above: Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky at the Coventry Winter Farmers' market Sunday talking with Tolland mushroom growers Jack and Donna Yurgel, who grow Shiitake mushrooms on logs made of sawdust, oat bran and wheat bran (right).

The market featured about 40 growers and vendors, as well as a fife-and-drum contingent during an opening ceremony.



Advertising Rates: Fifteen or fewer words: \$3.75 per insertion. More than 15 words: 25 cents per word per insertion. Ads must be related to agriculture in Connecticut and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be received by noon on Friday before publication the following Wednesday. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, and mail copy and remittance to the department at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. For more information contact Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov or call 860-713-2588.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.
Print subscriptions expire Dec. 31, 2015.

VOL. XCV, No. 45, Nov. 17, 2015

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE**
www.CTGrown.gov 860-713-2500

Commissioner steven.reviczky@ct.gov	Steven K. Reviczky 860-713-2501
Agricultural Development linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov	Linda Piotrowicz 860-713-2503
Regional Market linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov	Linda Piotrowicz 860-666-3699
Farmland Preservation cam.weimar@ct.gov	Cameron Weimar, Ph.D. 860-713-2511
Regulation & Inspection bruce.sherman@ct.gov	Dr. Bruce Sherman 860-713-2504
State Veterinarian mary.lis@ct.gov	Dr. Mary J. Lis 860-713-2505
Aquaculture david.carey@ct.gov	David Carey 203-874-2855
Agricultural Report Editor steve.jensen@ct.gov	Steve Jensen 860-713-2519